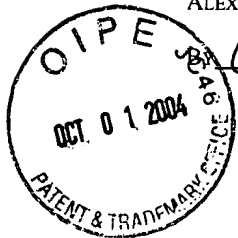


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants filed a response to the Office Action of April 5, 2004 on September 7, 2004 with a two month extension of time for reply.

In the present communication Applicants submit a copy of JP 08-089249 and a translation thereof. JP 08-089249 was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of April 5, 2004.

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